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26 May 1961

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT:** House Rules Committee Action of 25 May 1961

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. The Associated Press reports the House Rules Committee named a five-man Subcommittee to determine if a full-scale investigation should be made of the Central Intelligence Agency and similar Top Secret agencies in Defense and State. The Subcommittee consists of Ray J. Madden (Chairman), James J. Delaney, B. F. Sisk, Clarence J. Brown, and H. Allen Smith. Representative Howard W. Smith is quoted in the AP as saying "it was not his intention that the Subcommittee conduct a widespread investigation of intelligence activities," and "he felt a brief study should be made to see if one (probe of intelligence activities) was necessary." Smith further pointed out that his Committee had no authority to order a formal probe and that it could only recommend an investigation but it was up to the full House to order a formal investigation.

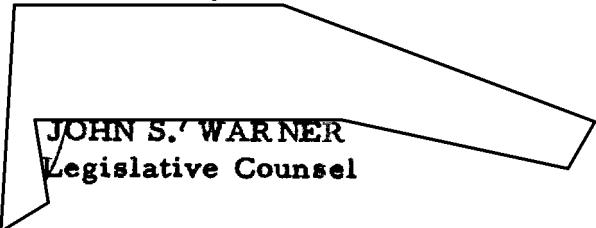
3. In the Congressional Record for yesterday, it is reported that the Committee on Rules held hearings on H. Con. Res. 289, to establish a joint committee to conduct an investigation and study of the foreign intelligence activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. Hearings were also held on H. J. Res. 412, 400 and 418, to establish a joint committee on foreign intelligence. H. Con. Res. 289 was introduced on 3 May by Mr. Hiestand, H. J. Res. 400 was introduced on 4 May by Mr. Frelinghuysen, H. J. Res. 412 was introduced on 9 May by Mr. Rogers of Florida, and H. J. Res. 418 on 10 May by Mr. Ryan.



Representatives Hiestand, Rogers (Florida), Frelinghuysen, and Ryan testified at the hearings. Copies of the four resolutions are attached.

4. The Director talked with Mr. Kilday about this matter this morning. It is also reported in the press that the House leaders, taken by surprise, have moved to keep a tight checkrein on the probe although it is reported that Smith gave the Subcommittee authority "to determine for itself whether outside witnesses should be heard although normally the Rules Committee hears only members of Congress as witnesses." It is further reported that the Subcommittee could determine for itself whether or not to conduct public hearings. Mr. Madden is reported to have said that he favors public hearings to the extent that they do not involve national security.

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# H. CON. RES. 289

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 1961

Mr. Hiestand submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2       *concurring)*, That there is hereby established a joint com-  
3       mittee which shall make continuing studies and investiga-  
4       tions during the Eighty-seventh Congress of all aspects of the  
5       foreign intelligence activities of the Central Intelligence  
6       Agency. The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency  
7       shall keep the joint committee fully and currently informed  
8       with respect to the Agency's activities. The members of the  
9       joint committee shall report to their respective houses as  
10      promptly as possible during the present Congress, but not  
11      later than December 31, 1962, the results of their investiga-  
12      tion and study, and shall include in such report specific

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1 recommendations with respect to the advisability of the  
2 establishment of a permanent joint committee to oversee  
3 the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency and its  
4 expenditures; and if the establishment of such a permanent  
5 joint committee is recommended, such report also shall con-  
6 tain specific recommendations with respect to the legislative  
7 jurisdiction of such permanent joint committee.

8       SEC. 2. (a) The membership of the joint committee  
9 shall consist of five Members of the Senate appointed by  
10 the President of the Senate, and five Members of the House  
11 of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House  
12 of Representatives. In each instance not more than three  
13 members shall be of the same political party. Vacancies in  
14 the membership of the joint committee shall not affect the  
15 power of the remaining members to execute the functions  
16 of the joint committee, and shall be filled in the same manner  
17 as in the case of the original appointments. The joint com-  
18 mittee shall select a chairman and a vice chairman from  
19 among its members, and shall determine the number of  
20 members necessary to constitute a quorum for the trans-  
21 action of business.

22       (b) The joint committee, or any duly authorized sub-  
23 committee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to  
24 sit and act at such times and places, within or outside the  
25 United States, to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the



1 attendance of such witnesses and the production of such  
2 books, papers, and documents, administer such oaths, to  
3 take such testimony, to procure such printing and binding,  
4 and to make such expenditures as it deems advisable.  
5 Subpenas may be issued under the signature of the chairman  
6 of the joint committee or any member of the joint com-  
7 mittee designated by him, and may be served by any person  
8 designated by such chairman or member.

9 (c) The joint committee is empowered to appoint and  
10 fix the compensation of such experts, consultants, techni-  
11 cians, and clerical and stenographic assistants as it deems  
12 necessary and advisable, but the compensation so fixed shall  
13 not exceed the compensation prescribed under the Classi-  
14 fication Act of 1949 for comparable duties. The joint com-  
15 mittee is authorized to utilize the services, information, fa-  
16 cilities, and personnel of the departments and establishments  
17 of the Government.

18 (d) Expenses of the joint committee shall be paid from  
19 the contingent fund of the House, on vouchers signed by the  
20 chairman thereof and approved by the Committee on House  
21 Administration.



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## H. CON. RES. 289

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### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Establishing a joint committee to conduct an investigation and study of the foreign intelligence activities of the Central Intelligence Agency, and for other purposes.

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By Mr. Hiestand

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# H. J. RES. 400

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 1961

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

## JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a Joint Committee on Foreign Intelligence.

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That there is hereby established a Joint Committee on For-  
4       eign Intelligence to be composed of nine Members of the  
5       Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and  
6       nine Members of the House of Representatives to be ap-  
7       pointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
8       In each instance not more than five Members shall be  
9       members of the same political party. Vacancies in the  
10      membership of the joint committee shall not affect the power  
11      of the remaining members to execute the functions of the

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1 joint committee, and shall be filled in the same manner as  
2 in the case of the original appointment. The joint com-  
3 mittee shall select a chairman and a vice chairman from  
4 among its members, and shall determine the number of  
5 members to constitute a quorum for the transaction of  
6 business.

7 SEC. 2. (a) The joint committee shall make continuing  
8 studies of all aspects of the foreign intelligence activities of  
9 the Government. The Director of the Central Intelligence  
10 Agency shall keep the joint committee fully and currently  
11 informed with respect to the Agency's activities. All bills,  
12 resolutions, and other matters in the Senate or the House of  
13 Representatives relating primarily to the Central Intelligence  
14 Agency or its activities shall be referred to the joint com-  
15 mittee. The members of the joint committee who are Mem-  
16 bers of the Senate shall from time to time report to the  
17 Senate, and the members of the joint committee who are  
18 Members of the House of Representatives shall from time  
19 to time report to the House, by bill or otherwise, their recom-  
20 mendations with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of  
21 their respective Houses which are (1) referred to the joint  
22 committee or (2) otherwise within the jurisdiction of the  
23 joint committee.

24 (b) The joint committee, or any duly authorized sub-  
25 committee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to



1 sit and act at such places and times, to require, by subpena  
2 or otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the pro-  
3 duction of such books, papers, and documents, to administer  
4 such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such printing  
5 and binding, and to make such expenditures as it deems  
6 advisable. The cost of stenographic services to report such  
7 hearings shall not be in excess of 25 cents per hundred words.  
8 The provisions of sections 102 to 104, inclusive, of the  
9 Revised Statutes shall apply in case of any failure of any  
10 witness to comply with a subpena or to testify when sum-  
11 moned under authority of this section.

12 (c) The joint committee is empowered to appoint and  
13 fix the compensation of such experts, consultants, techni-  
14 cians, and clerical and stenographic assistants as it deems  
15 necessary and advisable, but the compensation so fixed shall  
16 not exceed the compensation prescribed under the Classi-  
17 fication Act of 1949, as amended, for comparable duties.  
18 The joint committee is authorized to utilize the services,  
19 information, facilities, and personnel of the departments and  
20 establishments of the Government.

21 SEC. 3. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated  
22 such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of  
23 this Act.



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## H. J. RES. 400

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### JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a Joint Committee on Foreign  
Intelligence.

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By Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN

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# H. J. RES. 412

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 1961

Mr. ROGERS of Florida introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence.

1        *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2        *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3        That (a) there is hereby established a joint congressional  
4        committee to be known as the Joint Committee on Foreign  
5        Information and Intelligence (referred to in this joint res-  
6        olution as the "joint committee"), to be composed of seven  
7        Members of the Senate appointed by the President of the  
8        Senate, and seven Members of the House of Representatives  
9        appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
10       In each instance not more than four members shall be ap-  
11       pointed from the same political party.

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1       (b) Vacancies in the membership of the joint com-  
2       mittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members  
3       to execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall be  
4       filled in the same manner as in the case of the original  
5       selection.

6       (c) The joint committee shall select a chairman and  
7       a vice chairman from among its members at the beginning of  
8       each Congress. The vice chairman shall act in the place  
9       and stead of the chairman in the absence of the chairman.  
10      The chairmanship shall alternate between the Senate and  
11      the House of Representatives with each Congress, and the  
12      chairman shall be selected by the members of the joint  
13      committee from the House entitled to the chairmanship.  
14      The vice chairman shall be selected in the same manner as  
15      the chairman, except that the vice chairman shall be selected  
16      by the members of the joint committee from the House not  
17      entitled to the chairmanship.

18      (d) The joint committee may appoint and fix the com-  
19      pensation of such experts, consultants, technicians, and cleri-  
20      cal and stenographic assistants as it deems necessary and  
21      advisable.

22      (e) The joint committee is authorized to utilize the  
23      services, information, facilities, and personnel of the execu-  
24      tive departments and establishments of the United States.

25      (f) The joint committee is authorized to classify infor-



1 mation originating within the joint committee in accordance  
2 with standards used generally by the executive branch of the  
3 Federal Government for classifying restricted data or defense  
4 information.

5 (g) The joint committee shall keep a complete record  
6 of all committee actions, including a record of the votes on  
7 any question on which a record vote is demanded. All  
8 committee records, data, charts, and files shall be the prop-  
9 erty of the joint committee and shall be kept in the offices of  
10 the joint committee, or such other places as the joint com-  
11 mittee may direct, under such security safeguards as the joint  
12 committee shall determine to be in the interest of national  
13 security.

14 (h) The joint committee may make such rules respect-  
15 ing its organization and procedures as it deems advisable,  
16 but no measure or recommendation shall be reported from  
17 the joint committee unless a majority of the members thereof  
18 assent.

19 SEC. 2. (a) The joint committee shall make continuing  
20 studies of—

21 (1) the activities of each information and intelli-  
22 gence agency of the United States,

23 (2) the problems relating to the foreign information  
24 and intelligence programs, and

25 (3) the problems relating to the gathering of infor-



1       mation and intelligence affecting the national security,  
2       and its coordination and utilization by the various depart-  
3       ments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United  
4       States.

5       (b) Each information and intelligence agency of the  
6       United States shall give to the joint committee such in-  
7       formation regarding its activities as the committee may  
8       require.

9       (c) As used in this joint resolution, the term "in-  
10      formation and intelligence agency of the United States"  
11      means the United States Information Agency, the Central  
12      Intelligence Agency, and any unit within any of the execu-  
13      tive departments or agencies of the United States conduct-  
14      ing foreign information or intelligence activities (including  
15      any unit within the Departments of State, Defense, Army,  
16      Navy, and Air Force, but not including the domestic opera-  
17      tion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation).

18      SEC. 3. All bills, resolutions, and other matters in the  
19      Senate and House of Representatives relating primarily to  
20      any information and intelligence agency of the United States  
21      or its activities shall be referred to the joint committee. The  
22      members of the joint committee who are Members of the  
23      Senate shall, from time to time, report to the Senate, and  
24      the members of the joint committee who are Members of the  
25      House of Representatives shall, from time to time, report to



1 the House, by bill or otherwise, their recommendations with  
2 respect to matters within the jurisdiction of their respective  
3 Houses which are—

4 (1) referred to the joint committee, or

5 (2) otherwise within the jurisdiction of the joint  
6 committee.

7 (b) In carrying out its duties under this joint resolu-  
8 tion, the joint committee, or any duly authorized subcom-  
9 mittee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to sit  
10 and act at such times and places, to require, by subpoena  
11 or otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the pro-  
12 duction of such books, papers, and documents, to administer  
13 such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such print-  
14 ing and binding, and to make such expenditures as it deems  
15 advisable. Subpenas may be issued over the signature of  
16 the chairman of the joint committee, or by any member  
17 designated by him, or by the joint committee, and may be  
18 served by any person designated by such chairman or  
19 member.

20 SEC. 4. The expenses of the joint committee shall be  
21 paid from the contingent fund of the Senate from funds ap-  
22 propriated for the joint committee upon vouchers approved  
23 by the chairman. The cost of stenographic services in re-  
24 porting such hearings as the joint committee may hold shall  
25 be paid in accordance with the established rules of the Sen-



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1 ate. Members of the joint committee, and its employees and  
2 consultants, while traveling on official business for the joint  
3 committee, may receive either the per diem allowance au-  
4 thorized to be paid to Members of Congress or its employees,  
5 or their actual and necessary expenses if an itemized state-  
6 ment of such expenses is attached to the voucher.



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**H. J. RES. 412**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION**

To establish a Joint Committee on Foreign  
Information and Intelligence.

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By Mr. ROGERS of Florida

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MAY 9, 1961

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# H. J. RES. 418

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 1961

Mr. RYAN introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence.

- 1     *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2     *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3     That (a) there is hereby established a joint congressional
- 4     committee to be known as the Joint Committee on Foreign
- 5     Information and Intelligence (referred to in this joint res-
- 6     olution as the "joint committee"), to be composed of seven
- 7     Members of the Senate appointed by the President of the

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1 Senate, and seven Members of the House of Representatives  
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
3 In each instance not more than four members shall be ap-  
4 pointed from the same political party.

5 (b) Vacancies in the membership of the joint com-  
6 mittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members  
7 to execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall be  
8 filled in the same manner as in the case of the original  
9 selection.

10 (c) The joint committee shall select a chairman and  
11 a vice chairman from among its members at the beginning of  
12 each Congress. The vice chairman shall act in the place  
13 and stead of the chairman in the absence of the chairman.  
14 The chairmanship shall alternate between the Senate and  
15 the House of Representatives with each Congress, and the  
16 chairman shall be selected by the members of the joint  
17 committee from the House entitled to the chairmanship.  
18 The vice chairman shall be selected in the same manner as  
19 the chairman, except that the vice chairman shall be selected  
20 by the members of the joint committee from the House not  
21 entitled to the chairmanship.

22 (d) The joint committee may appoint and fix the com-  
23 pensation of such experts, consultants, technicians, and cleri-  
24 cal and stenographic assistants as it deems necessary and  
25 advisable.



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1       (e) The joint committee is authorized to utilize the  
2 services, information, facilities, and personnel of the execu-  
3 tive departments and establishments of the United States.

4       (f) The joint committee is authorized to classify infor-  
5 mation originating within the joint committee in accordance  
6 with standards used generally by the executive branch of the  
7 Federal Government for classifying restricted data or defense  
8 information.

9       (g) The joint committee shall keep a complete record  
10 of all committee actions, including a record of the votes on  
11 any question on which a record vote is demanded. All  
12 committee records, data, charts, and files shall be the prop-  
13 erty of the joint committee and shall be kept in the offices of  
14 the joint committee, or such other places as the joint com-  
15 mittee may direct, under such security safeguards as the joint  
16 committee shall determine to be in the interest of national  
17 security.

18       (h) The joint committee may make such rules respect-  
19 ing its organization and procedures as it deems advisable,  
20 but no measure or recommendation shall be reported from  
21 the joint committee unless a majority of the members thereof  
22 assent.

23       SEC. 2. (a) The joint committee shall make continuing  
24 studies of—



1           (1) the activities of each information and intelli-  
2           gence agency of the United States,

3           (2) the problems relating to the foreign informa-  
4           tion and intelligence programs, and

5           (3) the problems relating to the gathering of in-  
6           formation and intelligence affecting the national  
7           security, and its coordination and utilization by the  
8           various departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of  
9           the United States.

10          (b) Each information and intelligence agency of the  
11       United States shall give to the joint committee such in-  
12       formation regarding its activities as the committee may  
13       require.

14          (c) As used in this joint resolution, the term "in-  
15       formation and intelligence agency of the United States"  
16       means the United States Information Agency, the Central  
17       Intelligence Agency, and any unit within any of the execu-  
18       tive departments or agencies of the United States conduct-  
19       ing foreign information or intelligence activities (including  
20       any unit within the Departments of State, Defense, Army,  
21       Navy, and Air Force, but not including the domestic opera-  
22       tion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation).

23       SEC. 3. All bills, resolutions, and other matters in the  
24       Senate and House of Representatives relating primarily to  
25       any information and intelligence agency of the United States



1 or its activities shall be referred to the joint committee. The  
2 members of the joint committee who are Members of the  
3 Senate shall, from time to time, report to the Senate, and  
4 the members of the joint committee who are Members of the  
5 House of Representatives shall, from time to time, report to  
6 the House, by bill or otherwise, their recommendations with  
7 respect to matters within the jurisdiction of their respective  
8 Houses which are—

- 9 (1) referred to the joint committee, or  
10 (2) otherwise within the jurisdiction of the joint  
11 committee.

12 (b) In carrying out its duties under this joint resolu-  
13 tion, the joint committee, or any duly authorized subcom-  
14 mittee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to sit  
15 and act at such times and places, to require, by subpoena  
16 or otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the pro-  
17 duction of such books, papers, and documents, to administer  
18 such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such print-  
19 ing and binding, and to make such expenditures as it deems  
20 advisable. Subpenas may be issued over the signature of  
21 the chairman of the joint committee, or by any member  
22 designated by him, or by the joint committee, and may be  
23 served by any person designated by such chairman or  
24 member.

25 SEC. 4. The expenses of the joint committee shall be



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1 paid from the contingent fund of the Senate from funds ap-  
2 propriated for the joint committee upon vouchers approved  
3 by the chairman. The cost of stenographic services in re-  
4 porting such hearings as the joint committee may hold shall  
5 be paid in accordance with the established rules of the Sen-  
6 ate. Members of the joint committee, and its employees and  
7 consultants, while traveling on official business for the joint  
8 committee, may receive either the per diem allowance au-  
9 thorized to be paid to Members of Congress or its employees,  
10 or their actual and necessary expenses if an itemized state-  
11 ment of such expenses is attached to the voucher.



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**H. J. RES. 418**

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**JOINT RESOLUTION**

To establish a Joint Committee on Foreign In-  
formation and Intelligence.

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By Mr. RYAN

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